

Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of August 29 - September 2, 2011

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of September 5, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Tuesday, September 6, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, September 7, 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Project (Ward 2): The Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape begins this month! The study area is approximately a quarter of a mile of Ethan Allen Avenue and East-West Highway, near the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue -- a commercial area referred to as the Ethan Allen Gateway to Takoma Park. The project begins just west of New Hampshire and continues to just east of Kentland Avenue. The project's goal is to improve pedestrian safety and comfort through the addition of streetscape elements such as sidewalk, pedestrian lighting and landscaping. The first step is a survey expected to be completed in early October. The design concept will be developed through a collaborative public process in late fall/winter. For more information, contact Carman Lam at (301) 891-7219 or CarmanL@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

CDBG Applications Due: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and the provision of improved community facilities and services. To qualify, projects must primarily benefit individuals, households or neighborhoods of low and moderate incomes. Applications, available online at www.takomaparkmd.gov, are due this Tuesday, September 6 at 4 p.m. For more information, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7224 or by email at SaraD@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

NEW DATE - "Beautiful Hills of Brooklyn:" We are Takoma's presentation of this award winning film and discussion on aging in America with playwright Ellen Cassedy, originally planned for this coming week has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 22. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Takoma Park Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=219496414766319>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

"Art for a Green World" Opening Reception - Friday Sept 9: New artworks by Ethiopian artist Seleshi Feseha will be on exhibit at the Takoma Park Community Center, beginning Friday September 9. Mr. Feseha's works focus on themes of the environment and global warming. The artist works in mixed media with environmentally friendly materials and a unique 'thread on canvas' process he developed as an alternative to chemical-laden oil paints. Seleshi Feseha's 'eco-fiber' painting designs and sculptures will be on exhibit from September 9 to October 14. An Artist's Reception will be held on September 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Atrium Gallery at 7500 Maple Avenue; it is free and open to the public. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=193658700701963>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Tenant Rights Class - September 13: Register now for the free class, "Knowing Your Rights as a Tenant in Takoma Park." Learn how to make sure you get your security deposit back at the end of your tenancy, when a landlord can enter your apartment and how much notice is required, how much notice you need to give when you vacate, and whether your rent increases have been correct and in compliance with Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law. The class will be held Tuesday, September 13, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Takoma/Langley Sector Plan - Urban Design Guidelines (Ward 6): The Montgomery County Planning Board has tentatively scheduled the Sector Plan's companion Urban Design Guidelines document for review and approval on October 6. Once the draft of the guidelines is available, a link will be provided on www.theNewAve.com. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Montgomery County Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program: Montgomery County has obtained

approximately \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to sponsor energy rebates to county homeowners. The program offers an incentive of up to \$3,000 to offset the cost of certain energy efficient projects and products, such as attic sealing, wall insulation, the purchase of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, energy star appliances and water heating tanks. The program is available on a first come, first serve basis to owner-occupied primary residences, including condominiums. Rebates cannot be retroactive for products already purchased. For further information and to complete the application on-line, go to www.mcenergyfunding.com. *(Housing and Community Development)*

New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Initiative (Ward 2, 3 & 6): City staff met with Alonzo Washington, Chief of Staff for Prince George's County Council Member Will Campos, to brief him on the initiative and coordinate on upcoming projects. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Kidz City is Back and Going Strong: The program officially began on Monday, August 29. This program meets Monday - Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m. Kidz City, led by Ms. Sandra Boone, encourages growth through well rounded activities such as homework help, arts and crafts, recreation and special events. *(Recreation)*

Afternoon and Evening Addition is Off to a Great Start: The Afternoon Addition had a successful first week. With 30 participants registered in Morning Addition and 60 participants registered in Afternoon Addition, we're looking forward to an exciting school year filled with new experiences, new friends and fun. For more information about the Morning or Afternoon Addition program please contact Carey Antoszewski at 301-891-7233 or email CareyA@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Tennis is almost full! On Monday, the community started registering for fall sports programs; one of those programs is youth tennis. A few spaces are still open - so sign up today. The fall session will be led by Rashid Ali (USTA instructor and Recreation staff member). To register online: <http://activenet10.active.com/takomaparkrecreation/> and for more information visit: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/>. *(Recreation)*

September Senior Bus Trips: Registration for the September 2011 senior day trips is now open. Takoma Park residents, age 55 and older, should contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program, Recreation Department, at 301-891-7280 to register for Frying Pan Farm Park, VA on September 8, and/or Black Hills Regional Park, MD on September 15, 2011. *(Recreation)*

Street Hockey and Flag Football: Oh my! It's time of year again. Two popular programs--flag football and street hockey--are starting soon. For more information about these programs, visit: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/>. *(Recreation)*

Y.E.S. League Trophy Presentation - Championship teams were honored! This past Wednesday, the Recreation Department presented trophies to all of the Champions from the 2011 Y.E.S. League season. In attendance were members from both the Middle School and High School divisions. Players, coaches, and parents were also able to give feedback on the advancement of the players (on and off the court) during the season. All parties left excited and very optimistic about next year. The event was held in the Takoma Park Auditorium. *(Recreation)*

Welcome to Middle School - Good Luck, Have fun, learn a lot! On Thursday, September 1, the Recreation Department joined forces with the staff at Takoma Park Middle School to welcome the incoming 6th graders. The event, held at the Takoma Park Middle School, allowed parents and students to become more familiar with school staff to ease the transition. The Recreation Department was able to educate families on the numerous programs offered by the City. The students had the opportunity to interact with the Recreation staff during a large group activity geared towards physical fitness. The Recreation Department is excited about partnering with the staff at Takoma Park Middle school for another great year!! *(Recreation)*

After Action Reviews: On September 1, Captain Coursey and Lieutenant Collington attended the combined after action review for the Earthquake Event and for Hurricane Irene. The review was conducted by staff from Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Items that will be worked on for the future are issues around shelter site selections, improved communications with the various utilities (these communications problems were generally NOT with Pepco on these events), and improved internal government communications between Incident Management Team(s) and the EOC itself. An After Action Review Report will be prepared towards the end of September. *(Police)*

Comments on Hurricane Irene Response: City Staff will be preparing an after action report from Takoma Park's perspective. We anticipate gathering input through next week. People are encouraged to submit comments by e-mail to Captain Coursey at EdwardC@takomagov.org . *(Police)*

Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (August 26 - September 1, 2011) may be viewed online at:
<http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/09/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>.

Traffic Enforcement:

Officers conducted at least 183 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, seven vehicle impounds, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, and six arrests from traffic.

During August 29-31, 2011, the following details were completed (these are lighter than usual due to the hurricane):

August 29, 2011

- New Hampshire Avenue at Sligo Creek Parkway (avoiding traffic control device) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

August 30, 2011

- 1000 block of East-West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

- New Hampshire Avenue and Sligo Creek Parkway (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

- Philadelphia Avenue at Birch Avenue (buses only enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one warning.

- 7500 block of Maple Avenue (speeding/school zone) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five warnings.

- Sligo Creek Parkway at New Hampshire Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and two warnings.

August 31, 2011

- 1100 block of University Blvd. (crosswalk enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

- 7400 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 2 1/2 hour detail and issued eight State citations for speed and eight other State citations.

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations for speed and one other State citations. *(Police)*

Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) for the Week Ending September 1, 2011:

Calls for service: 10

State Citations issued: 60

City tickets: 9

Reports: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 7

Warnings: 2

(Police)